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Guide to Collection

Wilson, Helen Cecil (Mrs. Edward Luzadder), 1867 - 1963

Papers of Helen Cecil Wilson (Luzadder), 1887 - 1919

MS 4-14-6

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Helen Cecil Wilson was born in Fosterville, Pennsylvania and attended Indiana Normal School, graduated in 1887. She taught in Greensburg, Pennsylvania before moving west to Idaho where she was Superintendent of the Boise County Schools. She moved to Skagway to teach. She returned from Skagway at the age of 52 to marry Edward Luzadder in 1919. They operated the Hot Springs Hotel in Bergdorf, Idaho and then moved to McCall, Idaho, where Helen returned to teaching. She died there on June 19, 1963.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The papers include two letters written in Skagway from 1918 and 1919, an autograph album from 1887, and two photographs of Helen Wilson. One letter, undated but assumed to be from November 1918, tells about the flu epidemic, the sinking of the *Princess Sophia*, and the celebration of the Armistice which ended World War II.